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### **Ted Weiss Federal Office Building Wins Two BOMA Awards**

GSA's Northeast and Caribbean Region is proud to announce that the Ted Weiss Federal Office Building at 290 Broadway in lower Manhattan was named the Government Building of the Year by the New York chapter of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA/NY). In addition, the building also received BOMA/NY's Earth Award in recognition of its many environmental achievements.

"It's a wonderful honor to be recognized by BOMA/NY, a prestigious organization that sets high standards for this industry," said GSA Regional Administrator Emily R. Baker. "These awards reflect significant accomplishments that our region is very proud to achieve as we fulfill our mission to meet the needs of the local federal community while providing great value to the American taxpayer."

The awards were presented at BOMA/NY's 2006-2007 Pinnacle Awards ceremony held on February 7<sup>th</sup> in New York City. GSA Commissioner of Public Buildings David Winstead was also on hand to attend the awards dinner in New York and accept the award for Government Building of the Year.

Completed in 1995, the 30-story Ted Weiss Federal Office Building is a triumph of civic-minded design and the drive to create structures that are strikingly attractive and environmentally responsible, while providing federal tenant agencies with productive work environments. The discovery of the colonial-era African Burial Ground during its construction in the early 90's has given the building an additional significance. The African Burial Ground National Monument is adjacent to the structure and a National Park Service-run Interpretive Center is located on its ground floor.

The building was designed to be environmentally responsible. Sustainable materials were used throughout the design and construction and building systems were engineered to meet the strictest standards of the time, although the construction preceded the inauguration of LEED by seven years. In 1999 the Ted Weiss Federal Office Building became the first federal building in the nation to receive the coveted Energy Star designation, an honor that was renewed in 2006.

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